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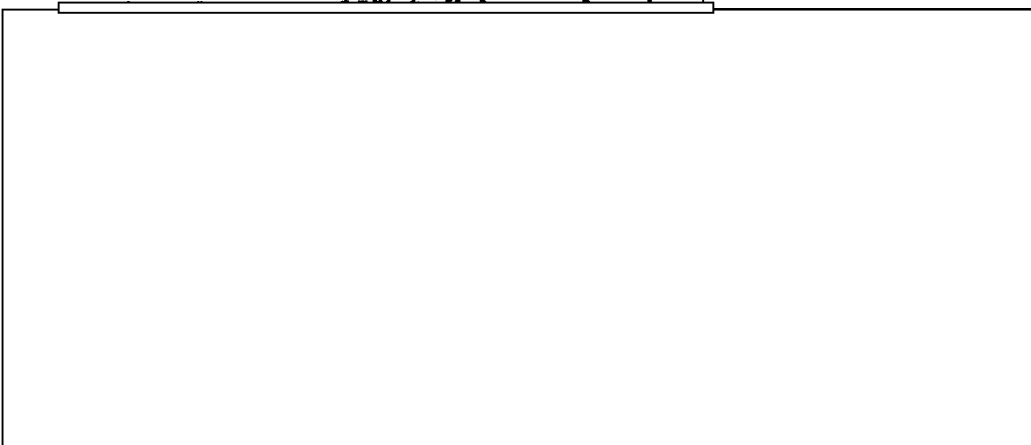


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Hizballah Terrorist Plans Against US Interests

Summary

There is a strong possibility of a terrorist attack against US
interests in Beirut within the next few weeks.



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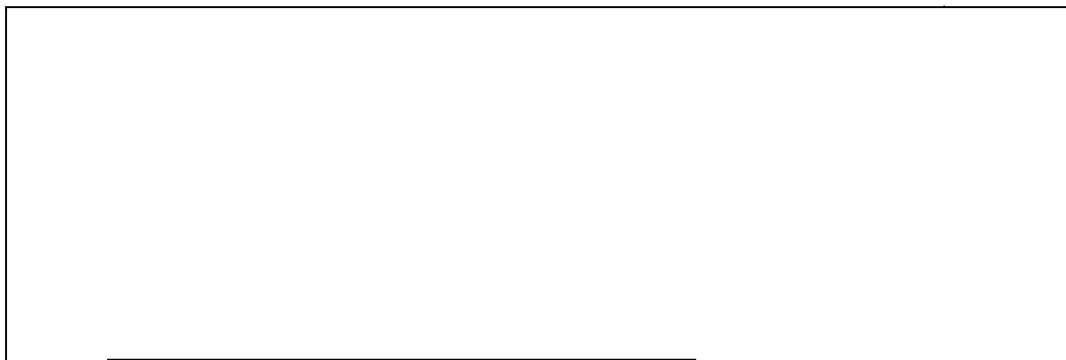
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-- [redacted] in Damascus on 30 November that he had good information that some Hizballah elements are planning to kidnap additional Westerners and that there is a death threat against him.



Hizballah dissidents oppose the release of Western hostages while approximately 300 Lebanese prisoners are still detained by the Israelis and 10 Hizballah terrorists are imprisoned in Western Europe. Tel Aviv still holds prominent Hizballah cleric Shaykh Ubayd; according to released hostage [redacted] several hostage guards personally know and highly regard Ubayd. The dissidents have staged previous operations to protest hostage releases and to free imprisoned Hizballah members.

-- In August, Hizballah elements linked to the Hammadi clan abducted a French relief worker to protest the McCarthy release. The Hammadi clan also orchestrated the 1989 kidnapping of two German hostages to press for the release of the Hammadi brothers imprisoned in Germany.



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The Iranian Role

It is possible that Tehran has approved low-level terrorist operations against US interests--such as sniper attacks--to allow Hizballah elements to vent their animosity toward the United States. These Hizballah elements may include former hostage holder Imad Mughniyah. [REDACTED]

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-- Tehran, however, would oppose the abduction of additional hostages in order to preserve the Iranian political capital gained as a result of the recent releases. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] reports that Hizballah is planning a car bomb attack on the US Ambassador and is targeting CIA officers in Beirut. Some members reportedly also are plotting to attach an explosive device to an Embassy employee's car or to a vehicle nearby. [REDACTED]

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Beirut. The Embassy RSO plans to visit US-affiliated facilities in Beirut to apprise them of the threat and suggest additional security measures.

Possibility of Attacks Outside Lebanon

